

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 516 - HB 784

March 18, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a procedure by which the General Assembly will appoint successors to fill a vacancy in the office of a United States Senator if the vacancy will deprive Tennessee of its full representation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – In the event a special joint session is required, the increase in state expenditures for member per diem and travel reimbursement is \$26,600 per day. If the appointment occurs during a regular annual session of the General Assembly, there will be no increase in state expenditures.

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-16-101, such vacancies are filled by the Governor.
- The proposed language would require the General Assembly to convene in joint session for the purpose of appointing a successor not less than 10 days nor more than 14 days from the notice of the vacancy.
- If the appointment occurs during the regular annual session of the General Assembly, there will be no increase in state expenditures for contracted staff, per diem, and travel reimbursement.
- In the event an appointment occurs outside the regular annual session of the General Assembly, a special joint session will be convened.
- It is unknown when a vacancy will occur within the United States Senate that will require appointment by members of the General Assembly, if the timing of the appointment will occur during a regular annual session or if a special joint session will be convened, and how many days of special joint session will be required to fill the vacancy. In the event a special joint session is required, the total increase to state expenditures for member per diem and travel reimbursement is \$26,600 per day of joint special session.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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